

PREVIEW

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Thomas Paine

Summary Thomas Paine writes his essay to the American colonists. He wants to encourage them to fight against the British. Paine writes that God supports the American cause. He also argues that a good father will fight. If the fathers fight, their children may live in peace. Paine then asks Americans in every state to unite.

Note-taking Guide

Paine wants the colonists to agree that they should go to war. Use this chart to list evidence that Paine uses in his argument.



Evidence

Americans have already tried to avoid war in every way.